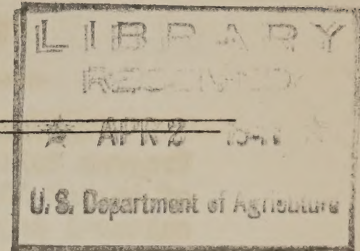


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THE RANGE CONSERVATION PROGRAM OF 1941 IN THE
NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Pursuant to the provisions of the 1941 Range Conservation Program Bulletin approved by the Secretary of Agriculture under date of August 20, 1940, and the authority vested thereby in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, payments will be made for participation in the North Central Region under the 1941 Range Conservation Program in accordance with the provisions of this North Central Region Bulletin 551 (NCR 551) and such modifications thereof or other provisions as may hereafter be made. This North Central Region Bulletin includes all of the provisions of said 1941 Range Conservation Program Bulletin which are applicable to the North Central Region, together with certain of the determinations authorized therein to be made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration or the Director of the North Central Division.

The fundamental purposes of the Agricultural Conservation Program of 1941, including the Range Conservation Program, are: (1) to conserve and improve the soil resources of the nation; (2) to stabilize and maintain adequate food supplies for consumers; and (3) to help farmers secure their fair share of the national income.

The range program provides for payments to ranchers to help them pay at least part of the cost of carrying out these purposes by adopting range-building practices.

The program is authorized by the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended. The provisions of the program are subject to such laws affecting the program as Congress may enact and are dependent upon funds being appropriated by Congress. The amounts of the payments will be within the limits determined by those funds, by distribution of the funds according to the act, and the extent of participation in the program. As an adjustment for participation the rates of payment may be increased or decreased by as much as ten percent.

The provisions of the 1941 Range Conservation Program in the North Central Region contained in this bulletin apply to range land in the State of Nebraska, not including land owned by the United States Government.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

(1) NORTH CENTRAL REGION means the area included in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

(2) STATE COMMITTEE means the group of persons designated within the State to assist in the administration of the agricultural conservation programs and the range conservation programs in the State.

(3) COUNTY COMMITTEE means the group of persons elected within any county to assist in the administration of the agricultural conservation programs and the range conservation programs in such county.

(4) PERSON means an individual, partnership, association, corporation, estate, or trust, and wherever applicable a State, a political subdivision of a State, or any agency thereof.

(5) RANGE-BUILDING PAYMENT means a payment for the carrying-out of one or more approved range-building practices.

(6) RANGE-BUILDING ALLOWANCE means the largest amount for any ranching unit which may be earned as a range-building payment on such ranching unit.

(7) RANCH OPERATOR means a person who as owner, cash tenant, or share tenant operates, or a person who acts in similar capacity in the operation of, a ranching unit in 1941.

(8) RANGE LAND means any land in which a ranch operator has a controlling interest and which produces forage grazed by range livestock, without cultivation or general irrigation. Range land does not include land owned by the United States Government.

(9) RANCHING UNIT means all range land which is used in 1941 by the ranch operator as a single unit in producing range livestock, with machinery, workstock, and labor substantially separate from that of any other range land and which is customarily regarded in the community as a ranching unit. Less than 640 acres of range land will not be regarded as a ranching unit. A ranching unit will be regarded as located in the county in which its ranch headquarters is situated or, if no headquarters is on the land, it will be regarded as located in the county in which the major portion of the ranching unit is located.

(10) ANIMAL UNIT means the unit of measurement used to denote grazing capacity. An animal unit as used herein shall be equal to one cow, one horse, five sheep, five goats, two calves, or two colts, or the equivalent thereof.

(11) GRAZING CAPACITY OF RANGE LAND means the number of animal units which such land will sustain on a 12-month basis over a period of years without decreasing the stand of grass or other grazing vegetation and without injury to the forage, tree growth, or watershed.

SECTION 2. RANGE-BUILDING PRACTICES AND PAYMENTS.

Within the limits of the range-building allowance, payment will be made for carrying out on range land between October 1, 1940, and September 30, 1941, any of the following range-building

practices which the county committee finds are needed on the ranch in order to promote conservation and good range management and approves for the ranching unit prior to the time the practices are started. The range inspector will assist the ranch operator in determining range-building practices best adapted to the accomplishment of good range management on the ranching unit and in locating the areas of sites upon which designated range-building practices are to be carried out in 1941. The range inspector should explain thoroughly to the ranch operator the specifications that are required for each practice selected for the ranching unit to qualify for payment under the 1941 Range Conservation Program.

Practices and Conditions of Payment	Rate of Payment
<p>RESEEDING OF RANGE LAND</p> <p>(1) <u>Natural reseeding by deferred grazing:</u> For withholding 25 percent of the range land in the ranching unit from grazing for the period May 15, 1941, to September 30, 1941, provided (a) if grazing is deferred on less than 25 percent of the range land in the ranching unit, a proportionate payment will be made; (b) the area to be kept free from grazing is fenced and the fence is maintained sufficiently to prevent the entry of livestock; (c) the remaining range land in the ranching unit is not pastured to such an extent as will decrease the stand of grass or injure the forage, tree growth, or watershed; (d) such practice shall not be applicable to range land in the ranching unit which normally is not used for grazing during the grazing season; and (e) the ranch operator has submitted to the county committee in writing the designation of the nongrazing area of the ranching unit before starting the practice.</p> <p>This practice will not be approved unless the area to be deferred is entirely enclosed with a fence. All livestock must be kept off the deferred areas from May 15, to September 30, inclusive. If any hay is cut within the boundaries of the deferred area there will be deducted from the deferred area all the land in each 40-acre tract (measured by legal description) on which any hay is cut. No area will be approved for deferred grazing unless it has been established to the satisfaction of the county committee that the area is normal summer range. Areas included</p>	<p>50 percent of the range building allowance.</p>

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<p>within the same fence boundary with cropland can not be considered as normal summer range. An area deferred in 1940 will not be approved for deferred grazing in 1941 unless it is evident that nongrazing a second year on the area would be of material benefit to the range and there is no other range in the ranching unit which would benefit as greatly by deferred grazing.</p>	
<p>(2) <u>Reseeding by limited grazing:</u> For limiting the number of livestock on the grazed portion of the ranching unit during the 1941 grazing season to the extent that at least 25 percent of the grass maturing seed remains at the end of the grazing season provided that check plots not less than one rod square are constructed by June 1, 1941 in such a manner as will prevent the entry of all livestock. At least two plots per ranching unit must be constructed, with a minimum requirement of one plot for each thousand acres in the ranching unit to be summer grazed.</p> <p>This practice will not be approved on any ranching unit upon which the county committee and range inspector deem it possible and practical to earn the range-building allowance by one or more of the regular practices outlined in this bulletin.</p>	<p>25 percent of the range-building allowance provided that grazing is deferred on 25 percent of the range land in the ranching unit under practice (1). If grazing is deferred on less than 25 percent of the range land in the ranching unit under practice (1) a proportionate payment will be made.</p>
<p>(3) <u>Artificial reseeding:</u> For reseeding depleted range land with good seed of adapted varieties of range grasses.</p> <p>This practice may be approved for any range land on which the stand of grass has been seriously depleted. The operator must file with the county committee written evidence of the kind and amount of seed sown and the date and method of seeding.</p>	<p>15 cents per pound of seed sown.</p>
<p>EROSION AND RUN OFF CONTROL</p>	
<p>(4) <u>Contour listing, furrowing, or sub-soiling:</u> For listing, furrowing, or sub-soiling range land on the contour.</p> <p>This practice will not be approved on light sandy soils or on areas where the average slope is in excess of 8 percent. The furrows must be constructed on the contour level and be broken or dammed at sufficient intervals to prevent water from accumulating in such quantities</p>	<p>2.5 cents per 100 linear feet, but not in excess of 75 cents per acre.</p>

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<p>as would cause gullying. The maximum distance between furrows will be 25 feet with the furrows proportionately closer together as the degree of slope increases.</p>	
<p>(5) <u>Spreader dams and terraces:</u> For constructing spreader dams and spreader terraces alone or in combination with each other for the diversion of surface water to prevent soil washing of range land.</p>	
<p>(a) <u>Spreader Dams:</u></p>	<p>15 cents per cubic yard of material moved not in excess of 2,000 cubic yards, and 10 cents per cubic yard of material moved in excess of 2,000 cubic yards for each dam.</p>
<p>This practice will be approved when constructed in the channel of small watersheds near enough to the head of the watershed and with a sufficient number of structures so as to prevent accumulation of water in the stream channel to the extent that structures would be in danger of washing out during heavy rainfall.</p>	
<p>(b) <u>Spreader Terraces:</u></p>	<p>50 cents per 100 linear feet.</p>
<p>This practice will be approved when constructed at points on a water channel or in conjunction with spreader dams where sufficient water will accumulate for diversion upon adjoining range land. The terrace grade should not be greater than 4 or 5 inches per hundred feet of length. The terrace ditch should have ample capacity to carry the diverted water and an adequate outlet should be provided at the discharge end. Payment will not be made for less than 100 linear feet of terrace or for a terrace which has an average cross section measurement of less than 5 square feet.</p>	
<p>DEVELOPMENT OF STOCK WATER ON RANGE LAND</p>	
<p>(6) <u>Earthen tanks or reservoirs:</u> For constructing reservoirs or earthen tanks, including the enlargement of inadequate structures, with spillways adequate to prevent dams from washing out, for the purpose of providing water for range livestock.</p>	<p>15 cents per cubic yard of material moved not in excess of 2000 cubic yards, and 10 cents per cubic yard of material moved in excess of 2000 cubic yards for each tank of reservoir.</p>
<p>Dams will not be approved on running streams. The repair of broken dams constructed under previous range programs will not be approved for payment in 1941. However, it may be required that such dams be repaired if approval is to be given for additional structures.</p>	

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<p>in 1941. Dams must be constructed with minimum slopes of 3 to 1 on the upstream side and 2 to 1 on the downstream side, and must have a crown width of 1 foot for every foot in height of fill not exceeding 10 feet. Dams 10 feet or less in height must have a minimum freeboard of three feet. Dams over 10 feet in height must have a minimum freeboard of four feet. Spillways must be of sufficient width to carry the overflow expected of the drainage area.</p>	
<p>(7) <u>Wells:</u> (Payment will not be made for a well developed at any ranch headquarters.)</p>	
<p>(a) For drilling or digging wells with casing not less than 4 inches in diameter, for the purpose of providing water for range livestock, provided a windmill or power pump is installed and the water is conveyed to a tank or storage reservoir.</p>	<p>\$2.00 per linear foot.</p>
<p>(b) For drilling or digging wells with casing less than 4 inches in diameter, for the purpose of providing water for range livestock, provided a windmill or power pump is installed and the water is conveyed to a tank or storage reservoir. An artesian well with casing less than 4 inches in diameter will qualify for payment, provided adequate stock water is made available during the grazing season and the water is conveyed to a tank or trough.</p>	<p>\$1.00 per linear foot.</p>
<p>Any well developed for payment in 1941 must supply adequate water for the number of livestock using the adjoining range and must be in operation at the time of final inspection. Approval will not be given for repairing or improving an existing well. However, it may be required that such wells be repaired if approval is to be given for additional structures in 1941. All applications respecting wells must be initialed by the field representative of the State committee before approval is mailed to the operator.</p>	

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Rate of Payment

The operator must furnish the county committee proof of construction in the form of a well driller's statement showing the depth of the well and dimensions of material used in its construction. Approval will not be given for developing a well at any ranch headquarters.

- (8) Development of natural watering places: For developing springs or seeps for the purpose of providing water for range livestock, provided the source is protected from trampling, and at least 20 cubic feet of available water storage is provided, and provided further that the total cost of development is not less than \$20.00.

This practice will be approved on sites where the water source can be developed and the water conveyed from the source to a storage tank or on sites where the source itself is developed in such a manner as to be a permanent water supply. The source must be developed in such a manner as to prevent trampling by livestock.

The source of all springs or seeps will be boxed in with either masonry, concrete, rock, or sound timbers of at least 2 inches in thickness and such practice shall be of a permanent nature.

30 cents per cubic foot in soil or gravel and 50 cents per cubic foot in rock formation for excavation of source, provided the minimum payment will be \$20.00 and the maximum payment \$100.00 for any single development.

PLANTING AND MAINTAINING A STAND OF TREES

- (9) Tree Planting: Planting trees on range land if the number, kind, age, and methods of planting and growing are approved as provided below and the acreage planted is fenced and the fence maintained sufficiently to prevent entry of livestock.

This practice will be approved for use only on land which qualifies under the definition of range land. The plantings should be of trees adapted to the area and planted and cultivated in accordance with good tree cultural practice for the area. The planting of cuttings will not be accepted as a good tree cultural practice. The plantings should be made at the rate of at least 300 trees per acre and the area planted to trees must be entirely enclosed with a fence and the fence maintained sufficiently to prevent entry of livestock. This practice will not be approved unless the area on which it is to be carried out is one acre or more.

\$7.50 per acre.

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(10) <u>Cultivating and maintaining a stand of trees:</u> Cultivating, protecting, and maintaining by replanting if necessary, a full stand of at least 200 trees per acre of windbreak or shelter-belt plantings planted on range land between July 1, 1937, and July 1, 1941. Payment will not be made for this practice in the case of trees for which payment is made for planting under the 1941 program. In order for this practice to qualify for payment there must be at least 200 living trees per acre at the time of final inspection. This practice will not be approved unless the area on which it is to be carried out is one acre or more.	\$3.00 per acre.

SECTION 3. RANGE-BUILDING ALLOWANCE.

The range-building allowance will be 2 cents per acre of range land in the ranching unit plus 90 cents times the grazing capacity of the range land, provided, however, that the range-building allowance will not be less than \$160, or 8 cents times the number of such acres, whichever is smaller.

SECTION 4. CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT.

(a) Promotion of conservation and good range management. Payments for carrying out range-building practices are conditioned upon the adoption or maintenance of conservation range management practices designed to secure or maintain a good stand of grass or other palatable forage plants and in bringing about such use of the forage resources of the ranch as will most effectively carry out the purposes of the agricultural conservation program. Payments under the 1941 Range Program will be made only for those ranching units on which the county committee certifies that such range management practices have been followed.

(b) Payments limited to range-building allowance. The range-building payment for any ranching unit will not exceed the range-building allowance for the ranching unit.

(c) State or Federal Aid. No payment will be made for practices carried out with labor, seed, trees, or materials furnished by any State or Federal agency other than the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and representing one-half or more of the total cost of carrying out the practice. If any State or Federal agency other than the Agricultural Adjustment Administration furnishes a portion of

the labor, seed, trees, or other material representing less than one-half of the total cost of carrying out a practice, payment will be made for the practice at one-half the rate specified for the practice. Labor, seed, trees, and materials furnished to a State, a political subdivision of a State, or an agency thereof, by an agency of the same State will not be deemed to have been furnished by "any State.....agency." No payment will be made for planting forest trees planted under a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service under the Prairie States Forestry Project.

Trees purchased from a Clark-McNary cooperative State Nursery will not be deemed to be paid for in whole or in part by a State or Federal agency.

(d).--Deduction for Failure to Maintain Practices under Previous Programs.--Where the county committee, in accordance with instructions of the State committee, determines that (1) water developments or fences constructed or forest trees planted are not maintained in accordance with good ranch management; (2) seedings of perennial legumes or grasses are destroyed after ranch operators have been informed that the destruction of such legumes or grasses is contrary to the purposes of the program; or (3) the effectiveness of any range-building practice carried out under a previous program is destroyed in 1941 contrary to good range management, there will be deducted from payments which would otherwise be made with respect to the ranching unit an amount equal to the payment which would be made in 1941 for a similar amount of such practices.

(e).--Deductions for Exceeding Acreage Allotments, Breaking Out Native Sod, Etc.--Payments computed for any person for carrying out range-building practices shall be subject to any net deductions which are or could be computed for such person under the provisions of the 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program Bulletin except net deductions resulting from acreages of winter wheat in excess of the wheat acreage allotment or acreages of soil-depleting crops in excess of the total soil-depleting acreage allotment.

SECTION 5. CHANGES IN LEASING ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER DEVICES

No payment will be made to any person who has for 1941 made any change from the 1940 leasing arrangements of range land for the purpose of, or which would have the effect of, diverting to him any payment to which any lessee would be entitled if the 1940 leasing arrangements were in effect for 1941. If the State committee finds that any person who files an application for payment under the 1941 Range Conservation Program has made any change from the 1940 leasing arrangements or has employed any other scheme or device for the purpose of, or which would have the effect of, depriving any other person of any payment to which he otherwise would be entitled, the Secretary may withhold in whole or in part from the person participating in such a scheme or device, or require such person to refund in whole or in part, the amount of any payment which has been or otherwise would have been made to such person for performance in connection with the 1941 Range Conservation Program.

SECTION 6. ELIGIBILITY FOR PAYMENT.

(a) Persons eligible to file application. Application for range-building payment may be made only by ranch operators. Range-building payments will be made to (1) a sole ranch operator, or (2) each ranch operator of a group of two or more ranch operators, engaged in the operation of a single ranching unit, provided they all signify in the application for the range-building payment a per centum of the total payment to be made to each ranch operator. In case there are two or more ranch operators, the application must be made by all of them, except that in cases where any ranch operator refuses to sign the application for payment the county committee will determine the percentage share to be paid to each ranch operator applying for payment.

(b) Time and manner of filing application and information required. Payments will be made only upon applications submitted through the county office on or before March 31, 1942. The Secretary may withhold a range-building payment to any ranch operator who fails to file any form or furnish any information required with respect to any ranching unit in which he is interested. Any application for payment may be rejected if it, or any other form or information required, is not submitted to the county office within the time fixed for this purpose. At least two weeks' notice to the public will be given in advance of the expiration of a time limit for filing prescribed forms.

(c) Excess cotton acreage. Any person who knowingly plants cotton on his farm in 1941 on acreage in excess of the cotton acreage allotment established for the farm for 1941 shall not be eligible for any payment under the provisions of the 1941 Range Conservation Program. Any person having an interest in the cotton crop on a farm on which cotton is planted in 1941 on acreage in excess of the cotton acreage allotment for the farm for 1941 shall be presumed to have knowingly planted cotton on his farm on acreage in excess of such farm cotton acreage allotment if notice of the farm allotment is mailed to him prior to the completion of the planting of cotton on the farm, unless the farmer establishes the fact that the excess acreage was planted to cotton due to his lack of knowledge of the number of acres in the tract(s) planted to cotton. Such notice, if mailed to the operator of the farm, shall be deemed to be notice to all persons sharing in the production of cotton on the farm in 1941.

SECTION 7. PAYMENT RESTRICTED TO EFFECTUATION OF THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM.

All or any part of any payment which otherwise would be made to any person under the 1941 Range Program may be withheld: (a) if he has adopted any practice which the Secretary determines tends to defeat any of the purposes of the 1941 or previous range conservation programs; (b) if, by means of any corporation, partnership, estate, trust, or any other device, or in any manner whatsoever, he has offset in whole or in part the performance for which such payment is otherwise authorized; or (c) if for forest land or woodland owned or

controlled by him, he has adopted any practice which is found contrary to sound conservation practices.

No payment will be made to any person if it is determined in accordance with instructions issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration that the stand of grass has been decreased or the forage, tree growth, or watershed has been injured by over-grazing in 1941 on any ranch which he owns or operates.

SECTION 8. PAYMENTS COMPUTED AND MADE WITHOUT REGARD TO CLAIMS

Any payment or share of payment will be computed and made without regard to questions of title under State law, without deductions of claims for advances (except assignments approved on ACP-69) and without regard to any claim or lien against any crop or livestock in favor of the owner or any other creditor.

SECTION 9. INCREASE IN SMALL PAYMENTS.

The total payment computed for any person for any ranching unit will be increased as follows:

- (a) Any payment amounting to 71 cents or less will be increased to \$1.00;
- (b) Any payment amounting to more than 71 cents but less than \$1.00 will be increased by 40 percent;
- (c) Any payment amounting to \$1.00 or more will be increased in accordance with the following schedule:

Amount of Pay- ment Computed	Increase in Payment	Amount of Pay- ment Computed	Increase in Payment
\$1.00 to 1.99	\$0.40	\$32.00 to 32.99	\$10.40
2.00 to 2.99	0.80	33.00 to 33.99	10.60
3.00 to 3.99	1.20	34.00 to 34.99	10.80
4.00 to 4.99	1.60	35.00 to 35.99	11.00
5.00 to 5.99	2.00	36.00 to 36.99	11.20
6.00 to 6.99	2.40	37.00 to 37.99	11.40
7.00 to 7.99	2.80	38.00 to 38.99	11.60
8.00 to 8.99	3.20	39.00 to 39.99	11.80
9.00 to 9.99	3.60	40.00 to 40.99	12.00
10.00 to 10.99	4.00	41.00 to 41.99	12.10
11.00 to 11.99	4.40	42.00 to 42.99	12.20
12.00 to 12.99	4.80	43.00 to 43.99	12.30
13.00 to 13.99	5.20	44.00 to 44.99	12.40
14.00 to 14.99	5.60	45.00 to 45.99	12.50
15.00 to 15.99	6.00	46.00 to 46.99	12.60

16.00 to 16.99	6.40	47.00 to 47.99	12.70
17.00 to 17.99	6.80	48.00 to 48.99	12.80
18.00 to 18.99	7.20	49.00 to 49.99	12.90
19.00 to 19.99	7.60	50.00 to 50.99	13.00
20.00 to 20.99	8.00	51.00 to 51.99	13.10
21.00 to 21.99	8.20	52.00 to 52.99	13.20
22.00 to 22.99	8.40	53.00 to 53.99	13.30
23.00 to 23.99	8.60	54.00 to 54.99	13.40
24.00 to 24.99	8.80	55.00 to 55.99	13.50
25.00 to 25.99	9.00	56.00 to 56.99	13.60
26.00 to 26.99	9.20	57.00 to 57.99	13.70
27.00 to 27.99	9.40	58.00 to 58.99	13.80
28.00 to 28.99	9.60	59.00 to 59.99	13.90
29.00 to 29.99	9.80	60.00 to 185.99	14.00
30.00 to 30.99	10.00	186.00 to 199.99	1/
31.00 to 31.99	10.20	200.00 and over	2/

1/ Increase to 200.00 2/ No increase

SECTION 10. PAYMENTS LIMITED TO \$10,000.

The total of all payments under the 1941 Program to any individual, partnership, or estate upon farms and ranching units located within a single State will not exceed \$10,000. The total of all payments to any person other than an individual, partnership, or estate upon farms, ranching units, and turpentine places in the United States (including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico) will not exceed \$10,000. These limitations will be applied prior to the deduction for association expense in the county or counties for which the particular payment is made.

All or any part of any payment which has been or otherwise would be made to any person under the 1941 Program may be withheld or required to be returned if he has adopted or participated in adopting any scheme or device, including the dissolution, reorganization, revival, formation, or use of any corporation, partnership, estate, or trust, which was designed to evade, or would have the effect of evading, the provisions of this section.

SECTION 11. DEDUCTION FOR ASSOCIATION EXPENSES.

There will be deducted pro rata from the payments for any ranching unit all or part of the estimated administrative expenses incurred or to be incurred by the county agricultural conservation association in the county in which the ranching unit is located.

SECTION 12. ASSIGNMENTS.

Any person who may be entitled to any payment in connection with the 1941 Program may assign the payment as security for cash loaned or advances made for the purpose of financing the making of a crop, including the carrying-out of range-building practices, in 1941. No assignment will be recognized unless the assignment is made in writing on ACP-69 in accordance with instructions in ACP-70, and unless it is entitled to priority.

SECTION 13. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRAZING CAPACITIES.

A grazing capacity will be established by the county committee for each ranching unit for which an application form NCR-553 for determination of grazing capacity is received on or before May 15, 1941. In determining grazing capacity, consideration will be given to the following: (a) composition, palatability, and density of forage growth; (b) climatic changes; (c) distribution and type of watering facilities; (d) topography and cultural features; (e) extent of rodents and poisonous plants, and (f) number and classes of livestock previously carried. The average of the individual grazing capacities established for all ranching units in a county will not exceed the county average grazing capacity limit established by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration on the basis of available statistics.

SECTION 14. APPEALS.

Any person may, within 15 days after notice thereof is forwarded to or available to him, request the county committee in writing to reconsider its recommendation or determination with respect to any of the following matters affecting any ranching unit in which he has an interest: (a) eligibility to file an application for payment, (b) grazing capacity established for the range land in such ranching unit, or (c) any other matter affecting the right to or the amount of his payment with respect to the ranching unit. The county committee will notify such person of its decision in writing within 15 days after receipt of such written request for reconsideration. If such person is dissatisfied with the decision of the county committee, he may, within 15 days after such decision is forwarded to or made available to him, appeal in writing to the State committee. The State committee will notify such person of its decision in writing within 30 days after the submission of the appeal. If such person is dissatisfied with the decision of the State committee he may, within 15 days after such decision is forwarded to or made available to him, request the Director of the North Central Division to review the decision of the State committee.

Written notice of any decision rendered under this section by the county or State committee shall also be issued to each person known to it who, having an interest in the operation of the ranching unit, may be adversely affected by such decision. Only a person who shows that he is adversely affected by the outcome of any request for reconsideration or appeal may appeal the matter further, but any person who, having an interest in the operation of the ranching unit, would be affected by the decision to be made on any reconsideration by the county committee or subsequent appeal shall be given a full and fair hearing if he appears when the hearing thereon is held.